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25X1 1. In late 1953, [ ] the headquarters units of Verband Prenzlau had the following strength:

|                                     | 12 December<br>1953 |                   | 19 December<br>1953 |                   | 3 January<br>1954 |                   |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                     | Offi-<br>cers       | NCOs<br>and<br>EM | Offi-<br>cers       | NCOs<br>and<br>EM | Offi-<br>cers     | NCOs<br>and<br>EM |
| Headquarters                        | 87                  | 39                | 86                  | 36                | 92                | 36                |
| Headquarters company                | 4                   | 66                | 3                   | 64                | 3                 | 65                |
| Motor transport section             | 7                   | 68                | 7                   | 67                | 9                 | 76                |
| Maintenance echelon                 | 8                   | 57                | 8                   | 56                | 7                 | 55                |
| D-1 Unit (signal<br>battalion)      | 28                  | 181               |                     |                   | 27                | 177               |
| Headquarters battery                | 4                   | 40                |                     |                   | 4                 | 37                |
| Sound- and flash-ranging<br>section | 5                   | 50                |                     |                   | 5                 | 48                |
| Driving school                      | 5                   | 168               |                     |                   |                   |                   |
| S-1 Unit (motorcycle<br>battalion)  | 23                  | 141               |                     |                   | 22                | 135               |
| Bakery company                      | 4                   | 9                 |                     |                   | 6                 | 11                |
| Chemical defense platoon            |                     | 23                |                     | 23                |                   | 23                |
| Hospital                            |                     |                   |                     |                   |                   | 60                |
| Soviet advisors                     |                     |                   |                     |                   | 12                | 1                 |

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2. On 19 December 1953, the regiments of Verband Prenzlau had the following strengths:

3d A-Kommando: 1,514 officers, NCOs and EM ;  
B-Kommando : 1,140 officers, NCOs and EM;  
C-Kommando : 504 officers, NCOs and EM. 1

3. On the days mentioned, the 2d A-Kommando (Unit Muentert) had the following strength:

|                             | 12 December<br>1953 |                   | 19 December<br>1953 |                   | 3 January<br>1954 |                   |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                             | Offi-<br>cers       | NCOs<br>and<br>EM | Offi-<br>cers       | NCOs<br>and<br>EM | Offi-<br>cers     | NCOs<br>and<br>EM |
| Headquarters                | 33                  | 15                | 32                  | 15                | 33                | 15                |
| Regimental school           | 7                   | 111               | 8                   | 109               | 7                 | 109               |
| Driving school              |                     |                   |                     |                   | 7                 | 30                |
| 1st Battalion               | 35                  | 238               | 36                  | 264               | 34                | 267               |
| 2d Battalion                | 44                  | 266               | 42                  | 262               | 43                | 238               |
| 3d Battalion                | 38                  | 272               | 37                  | 269               | 38                | 272               |
| S-1 Unit                    | 5                   | 25                | 4                   | 27                | 4                 | 27                |
| S-2 Unit                    | 6                   | 38                | 6                   | 36                | 5                 | 40                |
| S-3 Unit                    | 4                   | 41                | 4                   | 40                | 5                 | 41                |
| S-4 Unit                    | 5                   | 40                | 6                   | 41                | 6                 | 42                |
| S-5 Unit                    | 1                   | 19                | 1                   | 19                | 1                 | 19                |
| S-6 Unit                    | 4                   | 37                | 4                   | 38                | 4                 | 42                |
| S-7 Unit                    | 4                   | 21                | 4                   | 21                | 4                 | 22                |
| Motor transport company     | 5                   | 64                | 5                   | 66                | 9                 | 69                |
| Headquarters platoon        |                     | 9                 |                     | 9                 |                   | 9                 |
| B-staff (supply)            | 4                   | 18                | 5                   | 19                | 5                 | 19                |
| Chemical defense section    |                     | 7                 |                     | 7                 |                   | 7                 |
| Administrative section      |                     | 32                |                     | 38                |                   | 33                |
| Military band               |                     |                   | 1                   | 10                | 11                | 10                |
| Cooking course              | 2                   | 58                | 2                   | 58                | 2                 | 58                |
| On sick list                |                     | 22                |                     | 17                |                   | 19                |
| Detained in military prison |                     | 20                |                     | 15                |                   | 10 1              |

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- 25X1 4. [REDACTED] the following officers were assigned to  
Verband Prenzlau:

Colonel Riedel (fnu), commanding officer;  
Lieutenant Colonel Sommer (fnu), chief of staff;  
Lieutenant Colonel Glinke (fnu), PK officer;  
Major Schlegel (fnu), deputy PK officer;  
Lieutenant Colonel Nieter (fnu), in charge of organization and planning;  
Major Deckl (fnu), chief of the rear services;  
Major Muenter (fnu), commanding officer of the 2d A-Kommando;  
Captain Scheiblich (fnu), chief of the staff of the 2d A-Kommando;  
Captain Schlegel (fnu), PK officer, 2d A-Kommando;  
Lieutenant Fritsch (fnu), personnel officer of the 2d A-Kommando;  
Captain Keusch (fnu), deputy supply officer of the 2d A-Kommando;  
Captain Wolter (fnu), SSD officer;  
Senior Lieutenant Kretschmar (fnu), SSD officer.

5. About 50 percent each of the personnel of Verband Prenzlau was sent on leave over Christmas and over the New Year. Of the 2d A-Kommando, 120 men did not return to their unit from this leave. Many of the soldiers returned 3 or 4 days later. About 20 men, who exceeded their leaves were arrested by the local police and picked up by detachments of the 2d A-Kommando. The whereabouts of 12 men were completely unknown. Of the entire Verband, allegedly more than 500 men did not return to their unit on time. A reprimand was given by Colonel Riedel to all commanding officers of units members of which had exceeded their leaves. The morale and the discipline among the component units of Verband Prenzlau continued to be poor.
6. During the reported period, the 2d A-Kommando dispatched field kitchens to Koenigsbrueck where new KVP units were allegedly being organized.<sup>2</sup>
- 25X1 7. [REDACTED] former Field Marshal Paulus [REDACTED] had been made commandant of the war academy in Dresden.<sup>3</sup>

- 25X1 1. [REDACTED] Comment. It is believed that the total strength of Division Prenzlau did not change. [REDACTED]. The division still numbers approximately 8,000 men, i.e. 75 percent of the war time strength and about 95 percent of the peace strength of a Soviet motorized rifle division. In arriving at these figures it was assumed that the AT and AAA battalions of Division Prenzlau were included in the figures given for the B-Kommando in Droegeheide. It is believed that the engineer battalion of Division Prenzlau which is stationed in Fuenfeichen numbers about 300 men.

- 25X1 2. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] work on the construction of KVP billets was scheduled to be started in the fall of 1953.

- 25X1 3. [REDACTED] Comment. It was previously known that Paulus took his residence in Dresden. This fact possibly led to the conclusion that he has become commandant of a new KVP academy in that city. [REDACTED]

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